



NATIVE AMERICAN LIBRARY SERVICES BASIC GRANTS - FY16 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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Native American Library Services Basic Grants – FY16 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Federal Awarding Agency:	Institute of Museum and Library Services
Funding Opportunity Title:	Native American Library Services Basic Grants Program
Announcement Type:	Notice of Funding Opportunity

Funding Opportunity Number:	NAG-BASIC-FY16
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Due Date:	Submit through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time on April 15, 2016
Anticipated Date of Notification of Award Decisions:	September 2016 (subject to the availability of funds and IMLS discretion)
Beginning Date of Period of Performance:	Not earlier than October 1, 2016

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A. Program Description

What is this grant program?

The Native American Library Services Basic Grant is noncompetitive and distributed in equal amounts among eligible applicants. Basic Grants are available to support existing library operations and to maintain core library services. The Education/Assessment Option is supplemental to the Basic Grants. It is also noncompetitive and must be requested. The purpose of the Education/Assessment Option is to provide funding for library staff to attend continuing education courses and training workshops on- or off-site, for library staff to attend or give presentations at conferences related to library services, and/or to hire a consultant for an on-site professional library assessment.

For FY2016, Basic grants are only available for a one year period. Three year continuation grants are no longer offered. If you received a continuation grant in FY14, those grants will continue to their expiration, subject to the availability of funds and the terms and conditions of those grants.

What are the characteristics of successful projects?

Basic Grant funds may be used to support existing library operations and to maintain core library services, particularly as they relate to the following goals in the updated Museum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. §9141):

(1) Expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of

libraries, for individuals of all ages in order to support such individuals' needs for education, lifelong learning, workforce development, and digital literacy skills;

(2) Establishing or enhancing electronic and other linkages and improved coordination among and between libraries and entities, as described in 20 U.S.C. §9134(b)(6), for the purpose of improving the quality of and access to library and information services;

(3) (A) Providing training and professional development, including continuing education, to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, and advance the delivery of library and information services;

(B) Enhancing efforts to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information services;

(4) Developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;

(5) Targeting library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills;

(6) Targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with section 9902(2) of title 42) applicable to a family of the size involved;

(7) Developing library services that provide all users access to information through local, State, regional, national, and international collaborations and networks; and

(8) Carrying out other activities consistent with the purposes of the Library Services and Technology subchapter of the IMLS statute (20 U.S.C. §9121).

What are the IMLS Agency-level goals?

The mission of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. We provide leadership through research, policy development, and grant making.

U.S. museums and libraries are at the forefront in the movement to create a nation of learners. As stewards of cultural and natural heritage with rich, authentic content, libraries and museums provide learning experiences for everyone. In FY2016, each award under this program will support one of the following three goals of the [IMLS strategic plan](#) for 2012-2016, *Creating a Nation of Learners*:

1. IMLS places the learner at the center and supports engaging experiences in libraries and museums that prepare people to be full participants in their local communities and our global society.
2. IMLS promotes museums and libraries as strong community anchors that enhance civic engagement, cultural opportunities, and economic vitality.
3. IMLS supports exemplary stewardship of museum and library collections and promotes the use of technology to facilitate discovery of knowledge and cultural heritage.

The goals focus on achieving positive public outcomes for communities and individuals; supporting the unique role of museums and libraries in preserving and providing access to collections and content; and promoting library, museum, and information service policies that ensure access to information for all Americans.

What are the funding categories and project categories for this program?

The estimated Basic Grant award for FY 2016 is \$6,000. The estimated Basic Grant with Education/Assessment Option award amount is \$7,000, which includes the \$6,000 Basic Grant and the supplemental amount of \$1,000 for eligible education and assessment activities.

How much money can my institution apply for?

- Basic Grant Award - \$6,000
- Basic Grant with Education/Assessment Option - \$7,000

The supplemental Education/Assessment Option is also non-competitive and must be requested. The purposes of the Education/Assessment Option are to provide funding for library staff to attend library-related continuing education courses and training workshops on- or offsite; for library staff to attend or give presentations at conferences related to library services; and to hire a consultant for an onsite professional library assessment.

Where can I find additional examples of projects funded by this program?

[Click here to search awarded grants by program, category, and/or key word.](#)

Where can I find the Authorizing Statute and Regulations for this Funding Opportunity?

Statute: 20 U.S.C. §9101 et seq., in particular §9161 (Services for Native Americans)

Regulations: 45 CFR Chapter XI and 2 CFR Chapter XXXI

You are required to follow the IMLS regulations that are in effect at the time of the award.

PLEASE NOTE: The recent Office of Management and Budget (OMB) final guidance on Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Grant Reform) has streamlined and consolidated grant requirements. The Grant Reform can be found at 2 CFR Part 200. With certain IMLS-specific additions, IMLS regulations at 2 CFR Part 3187 formally adopt the 2 CFR Part 200 Grant Reform. The Grant Reform as adopted by IMLS at 2 CFR Part 3187 will be effective for all awards made after December 26, 2014.

B. Federal Award Information

Total amount of funding expected to be awarded	\$2,000,000
Anticipated number of awards	267
Range of awards	\$6,000-\$7,000
Average amount of funding per award	\$6,000
Type of assistance instrument	Grant
Anticipated start date	Projects must begin on October 1, 2016.
Anticipated period of performance	October 2016-October 2017. Project activities last just one year.

The funding in the above Federal Award Information is subject to the availability of funds and IMLS discretion.

C. Eligibility Information

What are the eligibility requirements for this program?

Indian tribes are eligible to apply for funding under the Native American Library Services Basic Grant program. Entities such as libraries, schools, tribal colleges, or departments of education are not eligible applicants, although they may be involved in the administration of this program and their staff may serve as project directors, in partnership with an eligible applicant.

For purposes of funding under this program, "**Indian tribe**" means any tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska native village, regional corporation, or village corporation (as defined in, or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.)), which is recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. A list of eligible entities is available from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

What are the minimum requirements of library service?

To be eligible for this program you must be able to document an existing library that meets, at a minimum, three basic criteria: (1) regularly scheduled hours, (2) staff, and (3) materials available for library users.

Note to applicants: In order to receive an IMLS award, you must be in compliance with applicable requirements and be in good standing on all active IMLS awards.

What are the requirements for cost sharing?

There are no requirements for cost sharing in this program.

How many applications can we submit to this program?

If eligible, you may apply for one Basic Grant in a fiscal year. The same population cannot be served by more than one Basic Grant.

What if I fail to meet the eligibility requirements?

We will not review or make awards to ineligible applicants. In order to receive an IMLS award, you must be eligible and in compliance with applicable requirements and be in good standing on all active IMLS awards.

D. Application and Submission Information

Are there registration requirements in order to submit an application?

Before submitting an application, your organization must have a current and active D-U-N-S® Number, SAM.gov registration, and Grants.gov registration. Check your materials and registrations well in advance of the application deadline to ensure that they are accurate, current, and active.

If your D-U-N-S® and SAM.gov registrations are not active and current at the time of submission, your application will be rejected; if they are not active and current at the time of an award, your application cannot be funded.

What is a D-U-N-S® Number and how do I get one?

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[Click here to learn more about getting a D-U-N-S® Number.](#)

What is the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) and how do I register?

[Click here to learn more about SAM.gov Registration.](#)

If your DUNS and SAM.gov registrations are not active and current at the time of submission, your application will be rejected; if they are not active and current at the time of an award, your application cannot be funded.

What is Grants.gov?

Grants.gov is your place to FIND and APPLY for federal grants.

The Grants.gov program management office was established, in 2002, as a part of the President's Management Agenda. Managed by the Department of Health and Human Services, Grants.gov is an E-Government initiative operating under the governance of the Office of Management and Budget.

Under the President's Management Agenda, the office was chartered to deliver a system that provides a centralized location for grant seekers to find and apply for federal funding opportunities. Today, the Grants.gov system houses information on over 1,000 grant programs and vets grant applications for [26 federal grant-making agencies](#).

How can I find the application package on Grants.gov?

Use one of the following identifiers to locate the Native American Library Services Basic Grant Program package in Grants.gov:

- CFDA No: 45.311, or
- Funding Opportunity Number: NAG-BASIC-FY16

You must register with Grants.gov prior to submitting your application package. The multi-step registration process generally cannot be completed in a single day. If you are not already registered, you should allow at least two weeks for completing this one-time process. **Do not wait until the day of the application deadline to register.**

You do not need to complete the registration process to download the application package and begin to prepare your material. However, you will need your Grants.gov User ID and password that you obtain during the registration process to submit your application when it is complete.

We require all applicants to apply through Grants.gov. Please note that the entire completed application must be submitted online through Grants.gov.

[Click here to learn more about Grants.gov registration and Tips for Using Grants.gov.](#)

Can I request an audio recording of this publication?

Upon request, we will provide an audio recording of this publication. Use **Teletype (TTY/TDD) (for persons with hearing difficulty)**: 202-653-4614

Can I request a paper copy of this publication?

If needed because of difficulty using Internet or for other accessibility reasons, you may also request paper copies of the materials. Use the [Native American Library Services Basic Grant Program web page](#) for IMLS contact information. We are available by phone at 202-653-4700.

What federal laws do I agree to comply with when I submit my application?

[Click here to read the IMLS Assurances and Certifications](#)

When and where must I submit my application?

For the Native American Library Services Basic Grant Program, Grants.gov will accept applications through 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time on April 15, 2016.

We strongly recommend that you REGISTER EARLY for DUNS and SAM.gov and COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION EARLY. We make grants only to eligible applicants that submit complete applications, including attachments, through Grants.gov, on or before the deadline.

[Contact the Grants.gov help line](#) (1-800-518-4726) for assistance with hardware and software issues, registration issues, and technical problems. The help line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except for federal holidays, on which it is closed.

What happens after I submit my application to Grants.gov?

Once Grants.gov has received your submission, Grants.gov will send email messages regarding the progress of your application through the system. Over the next two business days, you should receive two emails. The first will confirm receipt of your application by the Grants.gov system and the second will indicate that the application has either been successfully validated by the system prior to transmission to the grantor agency (IMLS) or has been rejected due to errors. Once your submission is retrieved by the grantor agency, you will receive a third email. You can check the status of your application(s) after submission in Grants.gov, by using the "Track My Application" feature. You may also check the status of a submission by logging into your Grants.gov account using the Applicant Login and clicking on the "Check Application Status" link.

What documents are required to make a complete application?

The Table of Application Components below will help you prepare a complete and eligible application. You will find links to more information and instructions for completing each application component in the table. Applications missing any Required Documents or Conditionally Required Documents from this list will be considered incomplete and will be rejected from further consideration.

How should the application components be formatted, named, and sequenced?

- **Document format:** Aside from the SF424 listed below which is created in Grants.gov, all application components must be submitted as PDF documents.
- **Page limits:** Note page limits listed below. We will remove any pages above the limit, and we will not send them to reviewers as part of your application.

- **Naming convention:** Use the naming conventions indicated in the table. **IMPORTANT:** You are limited to using the following characters in all attachment file names: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, underscore (_), hyphen (-), space, period. If you use any other characters when naming your attachment files, your application will be rejected.
- **Document order:** In Grants.gov, attach all application components in the sequence listed below. Use all available spaces in the "Mandatory Documents for Submission" box first. Attach any remaining application components using the "Optional Documents for Submission" box.
- **Complete applications:** Use the table below as a checklist to ensure that you have created and attached all necessary application components.

Any document you create must be converted to PDF format before submitting it. [Click here for assistance in converting documents to PDF](#). Do not send secured or password-protected PDFs; we cannot process these files.

Note that IMLS does not permit the authorized representative to be the same person as the project director on the SF-424-S.

Table of Complete Application Components

Component	Format	File name to use
Required Documents		
The Application for Federal Assistance/Short Organizational Form (SF-424S)	Grants.gov form	n/a
Abstract (one page, max.) - Not required for NALS Basic Grants	PDF document	Abstract.pdf
IMLS Program Information Sheet	IMLS PDF form	Programinfo.pdf
Library Services Plan (three pages, max.)	PDF document	Plan.pdf
Part A – Project Budget for Basic Grant	PDF document	NAG_Budget_A.pdf
Part B – Project Budget for Supplemental Education/Assessment Options	PDF document	NAG_Budget_B.pdf

Conditionally Required Documents		
Digital Stewardship Supplementary Information Form	IMLS PDF form	Digitalstewardship.pdf

Required Documents

The Application for Federal Assistance/Short Organizational Form (SF-424S)

Click here for instructions on:

[How to Fill Out the SF-424S](#)

Abstract - Not Required for NALS Basic Grant

A project abstract must be no more than one page and address the following:

- Who is the lead applicant and, if applicable, who are the partners?
- What do you plan to accomplish and why?
- What is the time frame for the project?
- What community needs will the project address?
- Who is the intended audience for the activities?
- What will be the specific project activities, performance goals, outcomes, results, and tangible products?
- What are the intended outcomes for audience members in terms of measurable changes in knowledge, attitudes, or behavior?

This abstract may be used for public information purposes, so it should be informative to other persons working in the same or related fields, as well as to the lay reader. The abstract must not include any proprietary or confidential information.

IMLS Program Information Sheet

Download IMLS Program Information Sheet:

[Adobe® PDF](#) (318 KB)

1. Applicant Information:

- a. Legal Name: From 5a on the SF424S.
- b. Organizational D-U-N-S® Number: From 5f on the SF424S.
- c. Expiration date of your SAM.gov registration: Enter the expiration date of your SAM.gov registration in the fill-in field.

Please note that before submitting an application, your organization must have a current SAM.gov registration.

- d. Organizational Unit Name: Do not complete.
- e. Organizational Unit Address: Do not complete.
- f. Organizational Unit Type: Select Native American Tribe/Native Hawaiian Organization.

2. Organizational Financial Information: Do not complete.

3. Grant Program Information: Select Basic Grant Only or Basic Grant with Education/Assessment Option under c. Native American/Native Hawaiian Library Services.

4. Performance Goals: Select one of the three IMLS agency-level goals (a – c). Check at least one of the performance goals listed beneath it. **Note:** If you select a performance goal(s) under agency-level goals a) Learning or b) Community, click on the link below it to review the specific performance measure statement choices and the information you will be required to collect and report on throughout the award period of performance.

5. Funding Request Information:

- a. IMLS Funds Requested: Enter the amount in dollars sought from IMLS.
- b. Cost Share Amount: Enter the amount of non-federal funding you are providing.
No cost share is required in the Basic Grant program.

6. Population Served: Check the boxes that reflect the population(s) to be served by your project.

7. and 8. Skip this section, as it pertains only to Museums for America and National Leadership Grants for Museums Applicants.

Library Services Plan

Write a narrative that addresses the components listed below. Limit the narrative to three single-spaced, numbered pages. We will remove any pages above the three-page limit. Address the questions in the same order in which they are listed below.

- What are you focusing on during the year?
- Why is it important?
- How will you carry out your plan successfully?
- What results do you anticipate?

Incorporating Evaluation into Your Project

[Click here for helpful information about evaluation](#)

Projects that primarily consist of research are not supported in this grant program.

In addition to following the instructions above, research project applications should also address each of the following questions within the three sections of the Narrative portion.

- What are the specific research questions this investigation will attempt to answer?
- What is the relevance of the proposed research for current practice?
- What research method(s) will be used to conduct the research?
- What type of data will be gathered?
- How will the data be analyzed?
- How will the information be reported?
- How will the research data be managed and made available for future use (as applicable)?

If an electronic dataset will be created as a result of the proposed research, you should complete the [Digital Stewardship Supplementary Information Form](#) and include this form as part of your application. This form asks you to summarize the dataset's original purpose and scope; provide technical information about the dataset's format, structure, and content; explain what metadata will be created about the dataset and what standards and formats will be used for the metadata; list any relevant hardware, software, or other dependencies for using the data; identify a repository where the data and metadata will be archived, managed, and made accessible (if applicable); and describe the long-term preservation plan for the dataset. If you do not expect your project to generate data, please state this clearly in your narrative. [Click here to learn more about the elements of an effective research application.](#)

Budget Forms

Part A—Project Budget for Basic Grant

We anticipate that the IMLS Basic Grant award amount for FY 2016 will be \$6,000. Therefore, prepare a Basic Grant project budget based on an anticipated total award amount of \$6,000. Spending categories include 1) Library personnel; 2) Materials, supplies, and equipment; 3) Services; and 4) Other (to be described). No indirect costs are allowed. See the sample project budget at the bottom of the budget form for guidance.

Download Part A—Project Budget for Basic Grant

[Adobe® PDF](#) (75 KB)

[Microsoft® Word Document](#) (46 KB)

Part B—Project Budget for Supplemental Education/Assessment Option

We anticipate that the Education/Assessment Option award amount for FY 2016 will be \$1,000. Therefore, if the Education/Assessment Option is requested, prepare an Education/Assessment Option project budget based on an anticipated total award amount of \$1,000 (in addition to the anticipated project budget of \$6,000 for the Basic Grant). Spending categories include 1) Library-related continuing education and training; 2) Travel to conferences, continuing education, and other library-related training, and costs to cover temporary staff during the absence of regular staff; and 3) Services of a professional librarian or technology consultant to conduct an onsite library assessment. No indirect costs are allowed. See the sample project budget at the bottom of the budget form for guidance.

Download Part B—Project Budget for Education/Assessment Option

[Adobe® PDF](#) (73 KB)

[Microsoft® Word Document](#) (39 KB)

How do I construct my application budget?

Are there funding restrictions?

You may only use IMLS funds, and your cost sharing, for allowable costs as found in IMLS and OMB government-wide cost-principle rules.

PLEASE NOTE: The recent Office of Management and Budget (OMB) final guidance on Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Grant Reform) has streamlined and consolidated grant requirements. The Grant Reform can be found at 2 CFR Part 200. With certain IMLS-specific additions, IMLS regulations at 2 CFR Part 3187 formally adopt the 2 CFR Part 200 Grant Reform. The Grant Reform as adopted by IMLS at 2 CFR Part 3187 will be effective for all awards made after December 26, 2014.

What are some examples of allowable and unallowable costs?

The following list includes some examples of allowable costs, both for IMLS funds and for cost share (if applicable), in this grant program. Please consult 2 CFR Part 200 for additional guidance on allowable costs.

- Library personnel:
 - salary and benefits for library staff
- Materials, supplies, and equipment:
 - books, journals, magazine subscriptions, electronic resources
 - library supplies
 - library automation software and related equipment
 - library furnishings
 - computers and software
- Services:
 - presenter fees related to public programs
 - after-school tutoring services
 - library-related consultants
 - technology consultants
 - digitization projects
- Other (for example):
 - Internet access charges
 - fees for participation in networks and consortia that provide the library with direct services
 - E-Rate consulting

Examples of allowable expenses for the Education/Assessment Option include the following:

- costs for library staff to attend library-related continuing education courses and training workshops on- or offsite, including registration fees, travel, hotel, and per diem
- costs for library staff to attend or give presentations at conferences related to library services, including registration fees,

travel, hotel, and per diem

- costs to cover temporary staff when regular staff are attending courses, workshops, or conferences related to the Education/Assessment Option
- costs to hire a consultant for an onsite professional library assessment, including library technology assessments and digitization expertise

You must explain all proposed expenses in your Project Budget.

The following list includes some examples of unallowable costs, both for IMLS funds and for cost share (if applicable), in this grant program. Please consult the appropriate cost principles for additional guidance on unallowable costs.

- contributions to endowments
- social activities; ceremonies; receptions; or entertainment, including food, gifts, and promotional items
- construction or renovation of facilities
- pre-award costs
- indirect costs

(Note: If you have questions about the allowability of specific activities, call IMLS staff for guidance.)

Are partner-related costs allowable?

Yes. [Click here to learn more information about incorporating partners into your project.](#)

Subawards and Contracts

In addition to the activities that you carry out directly, some project activities may be carried out by utilizing IMLS funds for either subawards or contracts. It is your responsibility to make a case-by-case determination as to whether each agreement you make for the disbursement of federal program funds casts the party receiving the funds in the role of a subrecipient or a contractor. (See 2 CFR 200.330 (Subrecipient and contractor determinations)).

There are particular requirements for subawards that you must follow as a pass-through entity (a non-federal entity that provides a subaward to a subrecipient to carry out part of a federal program). (See 2 CFR 200.74 (Pass-through entity) and 2 CFR 200.331 (Requirements for pass-through entities)). There are other requirements that you must follow if you contract for activities. (See sections 200.317 through 326 (Procurement Standards))

Please Note: You may not make a subaward unless expressly authorized by IMLS. (See 2 CFR 200.3187 (Subawards)).

See 2 CFR Part 200 (in particular, sections 200.330 through 332 (Subrecipient Monitoring and Management) and sections 200.317 through 326 (Procurement Standards) and 2 CFR Part 3187 for further information.

What are the requirements regarding costs for foreign travel?

All air transportation of persons or property that is paid in whole or in part with IMLS funds must be performed in

accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to the Fly America Act (49 U.S.C. §40118) (see also 41 CFR 301-10.131 through 10.143). Each separate foreign trip must be itemized in the budget approved by IMLS. Foreign travel that is not included in the approved project budget must be specifically approved in writing by the appropriate IMLS program officer.

Conditionally Required Documents

Please consult the table below to determine if the Digital Stewardship Supplementary Information Form is required. If any of the conditions in the left column apply to your project, then the document described in the right column is required. If you do not provide this form, your application will be considered incomplete and will be rejected from further consideration.

If your project involves ...	Then you must include ...
A digital product (IMLS defines digital products very broadly. If you are developing anything through the use of information technology, you should assume that you need to complete this form.)	A Digital Stewardship Supplementary Information Form; click here for Requirements for Projects that Develop Digital Content

E. Application Review Process

What is the review and selection process?

Basic Grants are non-competitive awards available to eligible applicants to support existing library operations and to maintain core library services. We make awards only to eligible applicants that submit complete applications, including attachments, through Grants.gov, on or before the deadline.

There are no requirements for cost sharing in this program.

When will awards be announced?

We will not release information about the status of an application until September 2016. Funded projects may not begin earlier than October 1, 2016.

F. Award Administration Information

How will we be notified about the results of the grant process?

Official Award Notifications for Grants and Cooperative Agreements will be sent electronically. The award packet sent to the Authorized Representative/Authorizing Official will contain the following:

- cover letter(s)
- the Official Award Notifications for Grants and Cooperative Agreements
- links to the applicable documents, including general terms and conditions, reporting forms, etc.

The Project Director will receive the following:

- copies of the cover letter(s)
- a copy of the Official Award Notifications for Grants and Cooperative Agreements
- links to the applicable documents, including general terms and conditions, reporting forms, etc.
- when appropriate for a particular funding category, reviewer comments

Applicants who do not receive awards will be notified at the same time.

What is the award period of performance?

The award period of performance will run from the first day of the month in which project activities are undertaken and will end on the last day of the month in which these activities are completed.

What are the administrative and national policy requirements?

Organizations that receive IMLS grants or cooperative agreements are subject to the [IMLS General Terms and Conditions for IMLS Discretionary Awards](#) and the IMLS [Assurances and Certifications](#). Organizations that receive IMLS funding must be familiar with these requirements and comply with applicable law.

As an applicant for federal funds, you must certify that you are responsible for complying with certain nondiscrimination, debarment and suspension, drug-free workplace, and lobbying laws. These are set out in more detail, along with other requirements, in the [Assurances and Certifications](#). By signing the application form, which includes the Assurances and Certifications, you certify that you are in compliance with these requirements and that you will maintain records and submit any reports that are necessary to ensure compliance. Your failure to comply with these statutory and regulatory requirements may result in the suspension or termination of your grant and require you to return funds to the government.

What are the reporting requirements?

Reports are due according to the reporting schedule that accompanies your Official Award Notification for Grants and Cooperative Agreements. Please note that recipients must submit performance reports in the format defined by the IMLS; both interim and final performance reports may be accessible on the IMLS website to support the agency's commitment to open government, to engage the public in communities of practice and to inform application development and grant making strategies.

For details and forms, please see the [Grants Administration](#) page.

What do I need to know about acknowledgement of IMLS support?

[Read more about acknowledgement of IMLS support.](#)

What do I need to know about sharing IMLS-supported work products and copyright, and management of digital assets produced with IMLS support?

[Read more about sharing IMLS-supported work products and copyright, and management of digital assets produced with IMLS support.](#)

G. Contacts

How can I contact program staff?

See the [Native American Library Services Basic Grants web page](#) for IMLS contact information. We are available by phone and through e-mail to discuss general issues relating to Native American Library Services grants.

How can I participate in a webinar?

We invite you to participate in a pre-application web conference to learn more about the program, ask questions, and listen to the questions and comments of other participants. See the [Native American Library Services Basic Grants web page](#) for more information.

H. Other Information

What are the requirements regarding conflict of interest?

You must comply with IMLS' [conflict of interest requirements](#). These requirements include disclosing in writing to IMLS or pass-through entity any potential conflict of interest.

How long should it take to complete this application?

We estimate the average amount of time needed for one applicant to complete the narrative portion of this application to be 30 hours. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and writing and reviewing the answers.

We estimate that, in addition to the time needed for you to answer the narrative questions, it will take you an average of 15 minutes per response for the IMLS Program Information Sheet and three hours per response for the IMLS Budget Form.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Institute of Museum and Library Services at 1800 M Street, NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-5802, and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (3137-0029), Washington, DC

20503.

How can I become a reviewer?

If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, you may submit your information through our online reviewer application at www.ims.gov/grants/become-reviewer. Please remember to attach your resume. Your information will be considered and, if accepted, your name will be entered into our reviewer database. You will be contacted prior to the next deadline regarding your availability to serve as a reviewer.

There are many benefits to reviewing applications, including enhancing your professional knowledge and serving the museum and library communities. If you are selected to serve, you will be helping IMLS and strengthening our grant review process.

Office of Management and Budget Clearance Numbers

Notices of Funding Opportunity: OMB No. 3137-0029; Expiration Date: 07/31/2018.

Forms: OMB No. 3137-0071; Expiration Date: 07/31/2018.

IMLS Clearance Number

IMLS-CLR-D-006

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IMLS Assurances and Certifications

As a Federal agency, IMLS is required to obtain from all applicants certifications, including those regarding Nondiscrimination, Debarment and Suspension, Federal Debt Status, and Drug-Free Workplace. Applicants requesting more than \$100,000 in grant funds must also certify regarding lobbying activities and may be required to submit a "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" form (Standard Form LLL). Some applicants will be required to certify that they will comply with other federal statutes that pertain to their particular situation. These requirements are incorporated in the Assurances Statement below. The authorized representative must review the statement and provide the certification in item 9 on the Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form (SF-424s).

Assurances Statement

By signing the application form, the authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, assures and certifies that, should a grant be awarded, the applicant will comply with the statutes outlined below and all related IMLS regulations (for example, see 2 C.F.R. Chapter XXXI and 45 C.F.R. Chapter XI). These assurances are given in connection with any and all financial assistance from IMLS after the date this form is signed, but may include payments after this date for financial assistance approved prior to this date. These assurances shall obligate the applicant for the period during which the federal financial assistance is extended. The applicant recognizes and agrees that any such assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in these assurances, and that the United States Government has the right to seek judicial

enforcement of these assurances, which are binding on the applicant, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and on the authorized official whose signature appears on the application form.

Certifications Required of All Applicants:

Financial, Administrative, and Legal Accountability

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant has legal authority to apply for federal assistance and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management, reporting, recordkeeping, and completion of the project described in this application.

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with applicable law.

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will comply with the provisions of applicable OMB Circulars and regulations.

Nondiscrimination

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and their implementing regulations:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. §2000 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin (note: as clarified by Executive Order 13166, the applicant must take reasonable steps to ensure that limited English proficient (LEP) persons have meaningful access to the applicant's programs (see IMLS guidance at 68 Federal Register 17679, April 10, 2003));
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §701 *et seq.*, including §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability (note: IMLS applies the regulations in 45 C.F.R. Part 1170 in determining compliance with section 504 as it applies to recipients of federal assistance);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §1681–83, §1685–86), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs; and
- the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §6101 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.
- the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

Debarment and Suspension

The applicant shall comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 3185 and 2 C.F.R. Part 180, as applicable. The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that neither the applicant nor any of its principals:

- are presently excluded or disqualified;
- have been convicted within the preceding three years of any of the offenses listed in 2 C.F.R. § 180.800(a) or had a civil judgment rendered against it or them for one of those offenses within that time period;

are presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in 2 C.F.R. § 180.800(a); or

- have had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated within the preceding three years for cause or default.

Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

The applicant, as a primary tier participant, is required to comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180 subpart C (Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business with Other Persons) as a condition of participation in the award. The applicant is also required to communicate the requirement to comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180 subpart C (Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business with Other Persons) to persons at the next lower tier with whom the applicant enters into covered transactions.

As noted in the preceding paragraph, applicants who plan to use IMLS awards to fund contracts should be aware that they must comply with the communication and verification requirements set forth in the above Debarment and Suspension provisions.

Federal Debt Status

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that the applicant is not delinquent in the repayment of any federal debt.

Drug-Free Workplace

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies, as a condition of the award, that the applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by complying with the requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 3186 (Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)). In particular, you as the recipient must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in subpart B (or subpart C, if the recipient is an individual) of 2 C.F.R. Part 3186, which adopts the Governmentwide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of sec. 5152-5158 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701-707).

This includes, but is not limited to: making a good faith effort, on a continuing basis, to maintain a drug-free workplace; publishing a drug-free workplace statement; establishing a drug-free awareness program for your employees; taking actions concerning employees who are convicted of violating drug statutes in the workplace; and identifying (either at the time of application or upon award, or in documents you keep on file in your offices) all known workplaces under your federal awards.

Trafficking in Persons

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies, as a condition of the award, that the applicant will comply with the trafficking in persons requirements that are set out in the General Terms and Conditions for IMLS Discretionary Awards (2 C.F.R. 175.15 Award Term.).

Certification Regarding Lobbying Activities (Applies to Applicants Requesting Funds in Excess of \$100,000) (31

U.S.C. §1352)

The authorized representative certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(a) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the authorized representative, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(b) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person (other than a regularly employed officer or employee of the applicant, as provided in 31 U.S.C. 1352) for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the authorized representative shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(c) The authorized representative shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the transaction is made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into the transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

General Certification

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will comply with all applicable requirements of all other federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing the program.

Certifications Required of Some Applicants:

The following certifications are required if applicable to the project for which an application is being submitted. Applicants should be aware that additional federal certifications, not listed below, might apply to a particular project.

Subawards

Under IMLS regulations at 2 CFR 3187.14, a recipient may not make a subaward unless expressly authorized by IMLS. A recipient may contract for supplies, equipment, and services, subject to applicable law, including but not limited to applicable Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards set forth in 2 CFR part 200.

Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will comply with the provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (25 U.S.C. §3001 *et seq.*), which applies to any organization that controls or possesses Native American human remains and associated funerary objects, and which receives federal funding, even for a purpose unrelated to the Act.

Historic Properties

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will assist the awarding agency in ensuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470f), Executive Order (E.O.) 11593, and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §469 *et seq.*).

Environmental Protections

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the project will comply with environmental standards, including the following:

(a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. §4321 *et seq.*) and E.O. 11514;

(b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to E.O. 11738;

(c) protection of wetlands pursuant to E.O. 11990, as amended by E.O. 12608;

(d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with E.O. 11988, as amended;

(e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1451 *et seq.*);

(f) conformity of federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §7401 *et seq.*);

(g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. §300f *et seq.*); and

(h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1531–1543).

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the project will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended (16 U.S.C. §1271 *et seq.*), related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the applicant will comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. §4001 *et seq.*), which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.

Research on Human Subjects

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the project will comply with 45 C.F.R. Part 46 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.

Research on Animal Subjects

The authorized representative, on behalf of the applicant, certifies that the project will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended (7 U.S.C. §2131 *et seq.*) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm-blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.

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For further information on these certifications, contact IMLS, 1800 M Street, NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036. Or call 202/653-IMLS (4657).

Getting a D-U-N-S® Number

All non-federal entities are required to have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (D-U-N-S®) Number in order to apply for, receive, and report on a federal award.

You should verify that your organization has a D-U-N-S® Number. If you find you do not, you can acquire one at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free D-U-N-S® Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by visiting www.dnb.com/get-a-duns-number/html.

Be sure that the D-U-N-S® Number is the same as the number you use in the System for Award Management (SAM) as part of Grants.gov registration.

SAM.gov Registration

The System for Award Management (SAM) is a federal repository that centralizes information about grant applicants and recipients. You must be registered with SAM.gov before registering with Grants.gov. [Click here to find information about registering with SAM.gov](#).

Registration cannot be completed in a single day. Some information must be validated by outside parties before your registration can be activated. This includes TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number) validation with the Internal Revenue Service and CAGE (Commercial and Government Entity) validation/assignment with the Department of Defense. The activation timeframe may be longer if the information you provide is flagged for manual validation by any party. You will receive an email alerting you when your registration is active.

You must renew and revalidate your registration in SAM.gov at least every 12 months from the date you last certified and submitted the registration in SAM.gov--and sooner, if your information changes. An expired registration will affect your ability to receive awards or payments, submit applications via Grants.gov, and receive certain payments from some federal

government agencies.

Please note that grant payments will be made to the bank account that is associated with your SAM.gov registration.

Grants.gov Registration

You must register with Grants.gov before submitting your application to IMLS. [Click here to learn more about the multistep registration process](#). Make sure your D-U-N-S® Number and SAM.gov registration are accurate, current, and active. We recommend that you allow 4 weeks to complete all steps in the Grants.gov registration process. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE WEEK OF THE APPLICATION DEADLINE TO REGISTER.**

Before submitting an application, your organization must have a current and active D-U-N-S® Number, SAM.gov registration, and Grants.gov registration. Check your materials and registrations well in advance of the application deadline to ensure that they are accurate, current, and active.

Tips for Working with Grants.gov

1. Start early! [Click here to learn more about Grants.gov resources](#), which include checklists, FAQs, and online tutorials to assist you in preparing your organization to submit applications.
2. You must designate at least one Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) to use Grants.gov. Consider designating more than one AOR when you register. This will help avoid last-minute crises in the event that your one AOR is unavailable when you are ready to submit your application. Also, you should update the AOR at Grants.gov when staff at your organization changes, and make sure passwords are current.
3. Make effective technological choices.
 - Download the most recent version of Adobe® Acrobat® Reader® onto your computer for best results. Make sure to submit all documents in Adobe® PDF format.
 - Follow the instructions in the Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity to convert your documents into PDFs. [Click here to learn more about PDF conversion programs](#). Use Internet Explorer® as your browser when submitting the application to Grants.gov. [Click here for more information about browsers](#).
4. Contact the [Grants.gov help line](#) (1-800-518-4726) for assistance with hardware and software issues, registration issues, and technical problems. The help line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except for federal holidays, when it is closed.

NOTE:

If you create a document in Microsoft® Word, you must convert it to PDF format before submitting it. [Click here for assistance in converting documents to PDF](#). Do not send secured or password-protected PDFs; we cannot process these files.

How to Fill Out the SF-424S

The SF-424S is the "Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form" on Grants.gov.

Items 1-4 are automatically filled in by Grants.gov

Item 5. Applicant Information

a. Legal Name: Enter your organization's legal name as it appears in its SAM.gov registration. See the Notice of Funding Opportunity for eligibility details. If your organization is eligible but does not have the authority to apply directly for funding, enter the name of the parent organization that is submitting the application on your organization's behalf. In that case, enter the name of your organization in the space provided for "Organizational Unit" on the Program Information Sheet, Question 1d.

b. Address: For Street1, enter your organization's street address or post office box number, whichever is used for its U.S. Postal Service mailing address. Street2 is not a required field and should be used only when a suite or room number or other similar information is part of the address.

In the ZIP+4/Postal Code box, enter the full nine-digit ZIP code assigned by the U.S. Postal Service. [Click here to retrieve your full ZIP code](#).

c. Web Address: Enter the Web address of the legal applicant organization.

d. Type of Applicant: Select the one code that best characterizes your organization from the menu in the first dropdown box. Leave the other boxes blank.

e. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): Enter the Employer or Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN or TIN) assigned to your organization by the Internal Revenue Service.

f. Organizational DUNS: Enter your organization's D-U-N-S® Number received from Dun and Bradstreet. [Click here for guidance in obtaining a D-U-N-S® Number](#).

g. Congressional District: Enter your organization's Congressional District. Use the following format: two-letter state abbreviation, followed by a hyphen, followed by a zero, followed by the two-digit district number. For example, if the organization is located in the 5th congressional district of California, enter "CA-005." For the 12th district of North Carolina, enter "NC-012." For states and territories with "At Large" congressional districts—that is, one representative or delegate represents the entire state or territory—use "001," e.g., "VT-001."

If your organization does not have a congressional district (e.g., it is located in a U.S. territory that does not have districts), enter "00-000." To determine your organization's district, [visit the House of Representatives website by clicking here](#) and using the "Find Your Representative" tool.

Item 6. Project Information

a. Project Title: Enter a brief descriptive title for your project. IMLS may use this title for public information purposes.

b. Project Description: Enter a brief description (about 120 words) of your specific project. Tell us what your project will do, for whom or what, and why. Use clear language that can be understood readily by readers who might not be familiar with the discipline or subject area.

Note: There is a character limit (including spaces) for this section in Grants.gov! Your application may be rejected if

you exceed this limit.

c. Proposed Project Start Date/End Date: Enter the proposed period of performance start date and end date for your project in the format mm/dd/yyyy. Your project must begin on the first day of a month and end on the last day of a month, as directed in the program Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Item 7. Project Director

Enter the requested information for the person who will have primary responsibility for carrying out your project's activities. Please select a prefix.

Item 8. Primary Contact/Grants Administrator

Enter the requested information for the individual who has primary responsibility for administering the award. If the Primary Contact/Grants Administrator is the same as the Authorized Representative, please complete both Items 8 and 9.

In some organizations, particularly smaller ones, this individual may be the same as the Project Director. If this is the case, check the box and skip to Item 9.

Item 9. Authorized Representative

Enter the name and contact information of the person who has the authority to enter into legal agreements in the name of your organization. **The Authorized Representative cannot be the same person as the Project Director.** By checking the "I Agree" box at the top of Item 9, this individual certifies the applicant's compliance with relevant federal requirements (the [IMLS Assurances and Certifications](#)). IMLS will address written correspondence to the Authorized Representative whose information you enter in Item 9.

The "Signature of Authorized Representative" and "Date Signed" boxes will be automatically populated by Grants.gov upon submission of the application. This will be the person whose name was listed as your organization's Authorized Representative when you registered with Grants.gov. Please note that this name might not be the same as the name and other information you entered in Item 9 above; however, the person whose name appears in the "Signature of Authorized Representative" box must have authorization from your organization to submit this application on behalf of your organization. Submission of the electronic application acknowledges that your organization certifies compliance with relevant federal requirements, including but not limited to the [IMLS Assurances and Certifications](#), to the same extent as the signature does on a paper application.

Performance Measure Statements and Information to be Collected and Reported for Learning and Community Projects

On the Program Information Sheet, you selected an [IMLS agency-level goal](#) of Learning or Community with which your project best aligns, and you selected at least one performance goal that reflects a measurable change or outcome that you intend for your project to achieve.

Below is a list of pre-determined performance measure statements that will help IMLS document the collective achievements of the Learning and Community projects we fund.

IMPORTANT: You will be required to provide specific information directly relating to these performance measure statement(s) in your Final Performance Report. You may design and administer a more elaborate survey than what will be required to gather this specific information.. These information-gathering activities must be incorporated into your application narrative, your work plan, your schedule of completion, and your budget, as necessary.

IMLS Agency-Level Goal 1: Learning

Performance Goal	Performance Measure Statement	Information You Will Be Expected to Report
	<i>Survey Respondent: Program/Project Participants</i>	<i>Data to be Collected</i>
Train and develop museum and library professionals.	<p>My understanding has increased as a result of this program/training:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	<p>My interest in this subject has increased as a result of this program/training:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	<p>I am confident I can apply what I learned in this program/training:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
Support communities of practice	My understanding has increased as a result of this program/training:	

	<p>Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	<p>My interest in this subject has increased as a result of this program/training:</p> <p>Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	<p>I am confident I can apply what I learned in this program/training:</p> <p>Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
<p>Develop and provide inclusive and accessible learning opportunities</p>	<p>My understanding has increased as a result of this program/training:</p> <p>Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	<p>My interest in this subject has increased as a result of this program/training:</p> <p>Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses

IMLS Agency-Level Goal 2: Community

Performance Goal	Performance Measure Statement Outcome Based	Information to be Collected and Reported
	<i>Survey Respondent: Grantee</i>	<i>Data to be Collected</i>
Strengthen museums and libraries as essential partners in addressing the needs of their communities.	My organization is better prepared to provide a program or service that addresses community needs. Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, Nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	My organization is better able to engage my community. Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	My organization is better prepared to develop and maintain on-going relationships with community partners. Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	My organization is better prepared to share knowledge and other resources as an active	

	<p>contributor to problem solving in the community.</p> <p>Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	<i>Survey Respondent: Community Partner(s)</i>	<i>Data to be Collected</i>
	<p>The museum or library offers programs, services, or resources that address community needs.</p> <p>Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses
	<p>The museum or library is an active contributor to problem solving in the community.</p> <p>Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree, nor Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of total responses • Number of responses per answer option • Number of non-responses

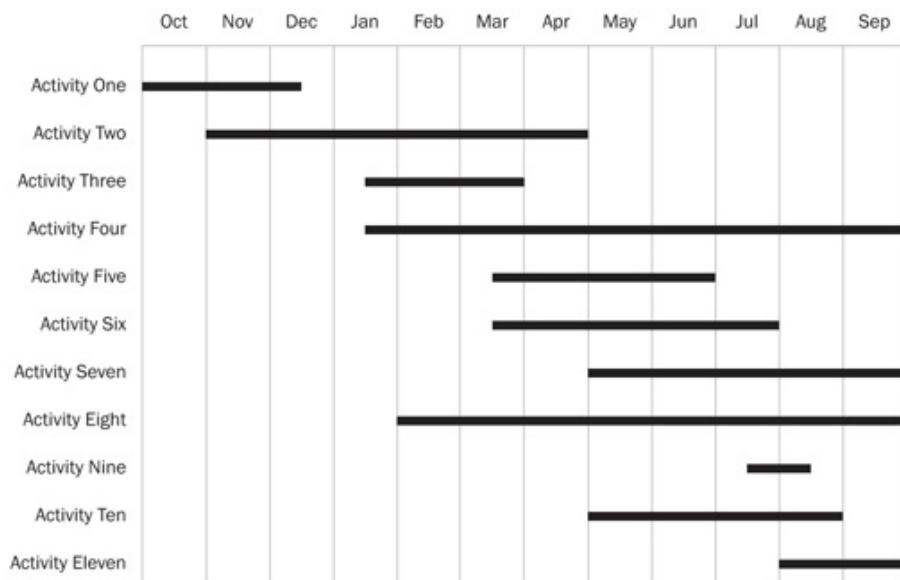
Organizational Profile

An Organizational Profile must be no more than one page and include the following information:

- Your organization’s mission or statement of purpose, noting the source, approving body, and date of the official document in which it appears. If your organization’s mission statement is longer than one page, you may excerpt from it or summarize it to convey the essential points.
- Your service area (communities and/or audiences served, including size, demographic characteristics, and geographic area).
- A brief history of your organization, focusing on the unit that will be directly involved in carrying out the work.

Schedule of Completion

The Schedule of Completion should reflect each major activity identified in your application narrative and the project dates identified on the Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organizational Form (SF-424S) and IMLS Budget Form. It should show when each major project activity will be undertaken, mark important milestones for the project, and be no longer than one page per project year. If any proposed activity is part of a larger project, make sure the IMLS-funded portion is clearly identified. *Click image below for a larger view.*



Partnerships

Many IMLS-funded projects involve collaboration. The successful completion of project activities often requires organizations to work together. These partnerships or collaborations can take many forms, both informal and formal. Sometimes partners provide cost share toward a project; sometimes the grantee provides federal grant funds to a partner. Below are some frequently asked questions about partnerships within IMLS grants.

In projects that involve partnerships, what are the responsibilities of the lead applicant and its partners?

In a project that involves one or more partners, the organization that submits the application becomes the grantee if the application is funded.

Partners who receive federal funds must be identified in the application as either a contractor or subrecipient.

The grantee is legally responsible for the use of all grant funds and for ensuring that the project is carried out by the partner(s) in accordance with the terms of the grant and all applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements. The grantee must be the fiscal agent but may provide federal grant funds to its partners for specific activities or services. Each partner is legally responsible for carrying out the activities that it agrees to perform and for complying with the terms of the award and all applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements.

The general rules for situations where federal funds are provided by the grantee to its partner, whether through a contract or a subaward can be found at 2 CFR Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. [Click here to find these regulations](#).

We encourage the lead applicant to include a letter of commitment from each partner, detailing the activities that the partner plans to perform and indicating that the partner agrees to comply with the terms of the award and all applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements. Letters of commitment should be signed by a person authorized to sign on behalf of the partner organization.

Are partnerships with federal agencies permitted?

You may partner with federal agencies when appropriate. However, no IMLS grant funds may be provided to the federal agency partner. In addition, it is important to remember that federally appropriated funds, whether they are disbursed directly to you by a federal agency or indirectly through another organization, do not count toward your cost share. [Click here for more information about cost share.](#)

Are international partnerships permitted?

While we do not make awards to non-U.S. entities, such entities may partner with eligible U.S. organizations on IMLS-funded projects, subject to applicable law.

Indirect Costs

What are indirect costs?

An indirect cost is an organization's incurred cost that cannot be readily isolated or identified with just one project or activity. These types of costs are often referred to as "overhead costs." Typical examples of indirect costs are general telephone service, postage, office supplies, office space expenses, and administrative or financial operations for an entire organization. (See 2 CFR part 200 for additional guidance).

What are my options for calculating and including indirect costs in my project budget?

You can choose to:

1. Use a rate not to exceed your current indirect cost rate already negotiated with a federal agency;
2. Use an indirect cost rate proposed to a federal agency but not yet approved;
3. Use a rate not to exceed 10% of modified total direct costs if you have never had a federally negotiated indirect cost rate and you are not subject to other requirements (e.g., for States and Local Governments and Indian Tribes); or
4. Not include any indirect costs.

What is a federally negotiated indirect cost rate, and how do I use one?

Federally negotiated indirect cost rates are negotiated agreements between federal agencies and non-profit organizations. If your organization already has an existing negotiated indirect cost rate in effect with another federal agency, you may use this

rate to calculate total project costs, as long as you apply the rate in accordance with the terms of the negotiated agreement and include a copy of the current negotiated agreement with your grant application. You may also choose to use a rate lower than your current federally negotiated indirect cost rate. We will only accept federally negotiated indirect cost rates that are current by the award date.

How do I use the 10% indirect cost rate?

Except for those non-federal entities described in Appendix VII to 2 CFR Part 200, you may choose to charge a de minimis rate of up to 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC) if you have never had a federally negotiated indirect cost rate. See 2 CFR part 200 for additional guidance. If you choose to use this rate, you must be careful to avoid double-charging and should exclude, as necessary, from the budget all indirect-cost-type items, such as general telephone service, postage, office supplies and office space expenses, and administrative or financial operations for the applicant's entire organization.

As long as you meet the applicable requirements and have never had a federally negotiated indirect cost rate, you may use this rate with no additional documentation required.

What if my organization is currently in indirect cost rate negotiations with a federal agency, or my organization's current indirect cost rate will change or expire before grants are awarded in this IMLS program?

If your organization is in the process of negotiating an indirect cost rate with a federal agency, you may use the indirect cost rate that was proposed to the federal agency to estimate total project costs. You must include with your grant application a copy of the indirect cost proposal. In such situations, if we award a grant, we will accept the rate only if the negotiations are final by the award date and a copy of the final agreement is submitted to us. It is possible that we may reduce the amount of the award if the final negotiated rate is less than the rate that was used for budget estimates in the application budget. However, we will not increase the amount of the award if the final negotiated indirect cost rate is higher than the rate that was used for budget estimates in the application budget.

Can I apply my indirect cost rate to the cost sharing portion of my application budget?

Yes. You may apply your indirect cost rate to the cost sharing portion of your total direct costs, but you must count it as cost share. IMLS funds can be used for indirect costs, but only for the portion of the total direct costs for which you are requesting IMLS funds (the Grant Fund column).

Are there any other project costs that cannot be included in my indirect cost calculations?

If you have a federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, you must follow its conditions and requirements.

If you are eligible for and using the 10% de minimis rate, you may include 10% of the modified total direct costs (MTDC) in your indirect cost calculations. (Please see above section on this 10% rate as well as 2 CFR sections 200.414(f) and 200.68.)

Project Staff and Consultant Documents

List of Key Project Staff and Consultants

Provide a one-page list of the staff and consultants whose expertise is essential to the completion of the project. Do not list

the entire staff involved in the project. This list must include the Project Director listed in Item 7 of the SF-424S. Any changes to these key project staff and consultants must be approved by IMLS.

Resumes of Key Project Staff and Consultants

Provide resumes of no more than two pages each for all project staff and consultants identified on the List of Key Project Staff and Consultants described above.

If you cannot identify key project personnel by the application deadline, then submit position descriptions instead. A position description does not identify a specific individual; it identifies the qualities and range of experience and education necessary to successfully implement and complete project activities.

Proof of Nonprofit Status

If your organization is a private, nonprofit institution, you must submit a copy of the IRS letter indicating your eligibility for nonprofit status under the applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. We will not accept a letter of State sales tax exemption as proof of nonprofit status.

Requirements for Projects that Develop Digital Content

What are the requirements for projects that develop digital content?

IMLS is committed to expanding public access to federally-funded research, data and other digital products. The assets you create with IMLS funding require careful stewardship to protect and enhance their value, and they should be freely and readily available for use and re-use by libraries, archives, museums, and the public. However, applying these principles to the development and management of digital products is not always straightforward. Because technology is dynamic and because we do not want to inhibit innovation, we do not want to prescribe set standards and best practices that could become quickly outdated. Instead, we ask that you answer a series of questions that address specific aspects of creating and managing digital assets. Your answers will be used by IMLS staff and by expert peer reviewers to evaluate your application, and they will be important in determining whether your project will be funded.

The form consists of four parts. Part I contains questions relevant to any kind of digital project, while Parts II, III, and IV focus specifically on projects creating digital content, software, and datasets. The form's embedded instructions will help you decide which questions to answer. You need answer only those questions relevant to your project.

Additionally, IMLS participates in the Federal Agencies Digitization Guidelines Initiative (FADGI), a collaborative effort by federal agencies to define common standards, guidelines, methods, and best practices for creating digital collections. The FADGI website includes a growing list of links to relevant standards, recommendations, and other resources. While this list is not exhaustive—nor do we endorse any specific resource—applicants considering digital projects may find the information useful.

Related Links

Digital Stewardship Supplementary Information Form

[Adobe® PDF](#) (87 KB)

[Microsoft Word](#) (50 KB)

Resources for Projects Developing Digital Products

www.digitizationguidelines.gov

Evaluating Your Project

Your proposed plan for tracking and measuring your success in achieving your intended results is a significant element in the review process. You should include specific and sufficient resources dedicated to evaluation activities in your detailed work plan, project budget, and schedule of completion. Examples of relevant costs associated with evaluation include payments for consultants or qualified project staff, development of effective instruments, information collection, and analysis of project data. Include the costs of evaluation, reporting, and sharing project results in your project budget. You may budget any of these as grant funds or as cost share. Keep in mind that effective evaluation strategies often use multiple techniques not just to measure and analyze final project outputs and outcomes but also to inform and help shape your project design as the project progresses.

Your evaluation plan should:

- clearly link the Agency-Level Goal and the Performance Goal(s) identified in your application as well as the Performance Measure Statement(s), and the Project-Level Results you intend to measure to the program/project you are proposing;
- identify the primary beneficiaries (people or organizations) of the project and the methodology for collecting outcome information from them (if applicable);
- explain how things will be different as a consequence of this project and what data you will collect to determine whether or not these occurred;
- indicate the methods you will use to analyze your data and to judge the overall effectiveness of the project;
- describe the qualifications of staff and consultants involved in evaluation activities;
- include all plans you have to monitor the project's effectiveness on an ongoing basis so that you can make needed midcourse corrections;
- describe how you intend to use the evaluation results and how they may affect long-term program planning; and
- describe how you will share the evaluation results with people and organizations outside your organization.

Your application narrative should address as many of these points as possible. If you do not have all this information at the time you submit your application, your application should explain how you will obtain it if the project is funded by IMLS.

Guidance for Research Applications

An effective research application should answer the following questions:

What are the specific research questions your project will attempt to answer?

List the question or questions that will drive your proposed activities. Research questions should be clear and concise to help reviewers understand what you wish to learn.

What is the relevance of your proposed research for current practice?

Demonstrate how the research will lead to improved museum or library practice and that you are familiar with current research literature.

What research methods will you use to conduct the research?

Detail the methods you will use and why they are the most appropriate for addressing the question at hand. The methods must be replicable and based on the best practices identified in the scientific literature or by relevant professional associations. Identify the interpretive framework or context you will use.

What type of data will you gather?

Describe the type of research data you will collect and what measures you will take to ensure its validity and reliability. Detail the methods for collecting the information along with any potential privacy or human subjects concerns that may arise. List potential challenges in gathering data and explain how you will address them.

How will you analyze and use the data?

Describe how you will analyze the results of your research and compare them to your research questions. If applicable, outline an analysis plan that links a set of testable hypotheses to the proposed research question(s). Identify the variables of interest that are key to the investigation, and explain how you will deal with alternative explanations for the observed phenomena.

How will you report the information?

Address how you will communicate the results to a variety of target audiences with different levels of expertise.

How will you manage the research data and make it available for future use (as applicable)?

Explain how you will manage, share, preserve, and document the information and research products you will create during the project. To do this, complete the [Digital Stewardship Supplementary Information Form](#) and include it as part of the application to IMLS.

Acknowledgement of IMLS Support

What are the requirements for acknowledging work done with IMLS grant funding?

We require acknowledgement of IMLS assistance in all publications and other products resulting from the project, such as research reports, websites, and presentations. All work products should reference IMLS and include the associated grant award numbers. Grant recipients will receive further instructions on how to acknowledge IMLS support and tips on how to share information about their projects.

Sharing the Work Products of IMLS-Supported Projects

How is information shared about IMLS projects and for what purposes?

We encourage creators of works resulting from IMLS funding to share their work openly whenever possible through forums such as institutional or discipline-based repositories, open-access journals, or other media. Wide dissemination of the results of IMLS-funded projects advances the body of knowledge and professional practice in museum, library, and information services.

We require that your final report include one copy of each written product you create, unless otherwise instructed. We may share grant applications, products, and reports with grantees, potential grantees, and the general public to further the mission of the agency and the development of museum, library, and information services. These materials may be disseminated broadly and made available in a variety of ways and formats, including online.

What do I need to know about copyright and works produced with IMLS support?

You may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed under an award or for which ownership was purchased. However, we reserve, for federal government purposes, a royalty-free, worldwide, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work and authorize others to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work.

All work products resulting from IMLS funding should be distributed for free or at cost unless we have given you written approval for another arrangement. We expect you to ensure that final peer-reviewed manuscripts resulting from research conducted under an award are made available in a manner that permits the public to access, read, download, and analyze the work without charge.

What do I need to know about digital assets produced with IMLS support?

IMLS is committed to expanding public access to IMLS-funded assets, including research data and other digital products: the assets you create with IMLS funding require careful stewardship to protect and enhance their value. They should be freely and readily available for use and re-use by libraries, archives, museums and the public. Applying these principles to the development of digital products is not straightforward; because technology is dynamic and because we do not want to inhibit innovation, the IMLS does not want to prescribe set standards and best practices that would certainly become quickly outdated. Instead, IMLS defines the digital assets your projects should achieve in a series of questions; your answers are used by IMLS staff and by expert peer reviewers to evaluate your application; and they will play a critical role in determining whether your grant will be funded. Together, your answers will comprise the basis for a work plan for your project, as they will address all the major components of the development process. See the [Digital Stewardship Supplementary Information Form](#) for more information.

Data sharing is an essential component of research and expedites the translation of research results into new knowledge and practices. If your project involves the collection and analysis of data, we expect you to include, as part of your application, a data management plan (Part IV of the [Digital Stewardship Supplementary Information Form](#)) that provides for long-term preservation and access. We expect you to deposit data resulting from IMLS-funded research in a broadly accessible repository that allows the public to use the data without charge no later than the date upon which you submit your final report to IMLS. The data should be deposited in a machine-readable, non-proprietary digital format to maximize search, retrieval, and analysis.

Your project budget may include the costs of preparing the data for public release and for making the data publicly available. In your final report to IMLS, you will be required to identify where your data has been deposited and can be accessed by the public.

We recognize that data sharing may be complicated or limited in some cases by institutional policies; local Institutional Review Board (IRB) rules; and local, state, and federal laws and regulations, including those protecting confidentiality and personal privacy. The rights and privacy of people who participate in IMLS-supported research must be protected at all times. Thus, data intended for broader use should be free of anything that could lead to disclosure of the identity of individual participants. You should identify and explain the reasons for any limitations in your data management plan.

For the purposes of this section, “data” is defined consistent with OMB guidance (please see 2 CFR 200.315). We reserve a royalty-free, worldwide, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to: (1) obtain, reproduce, publish or otherwise use the data first produced under a grant; and (2) authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for federal purposes.

Conflict of Interest Requirements

What Conflict of Interest requirements must I follow?

As a non-federal entity, you must follow IMLS conflict of interest policies for federal awards. You must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to an IMLS Program Officer, or to the pass-through entity if you are a subrecipient or contractor. This disclosure must take place immediately whether you are an applicant or have an active IMLS award.

The IMLS conflict of interest policies apply to subawards as well as contracts, and are as follows:

1. As a non-federal entity, you must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the performance of your employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of subawards and contracts.
2. None of your employees may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a subaward or contract supported by a federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from an organization considered for a subaward or contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-federal entity must neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from subrecipients or contractors or parties to subawards or contracts.

If you have a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a State, local government, or Indian tribe, you must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, you are unable or appear to be unable to be impartial in conducting a subaward or procurement action involving a related organization.





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